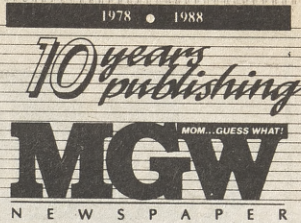


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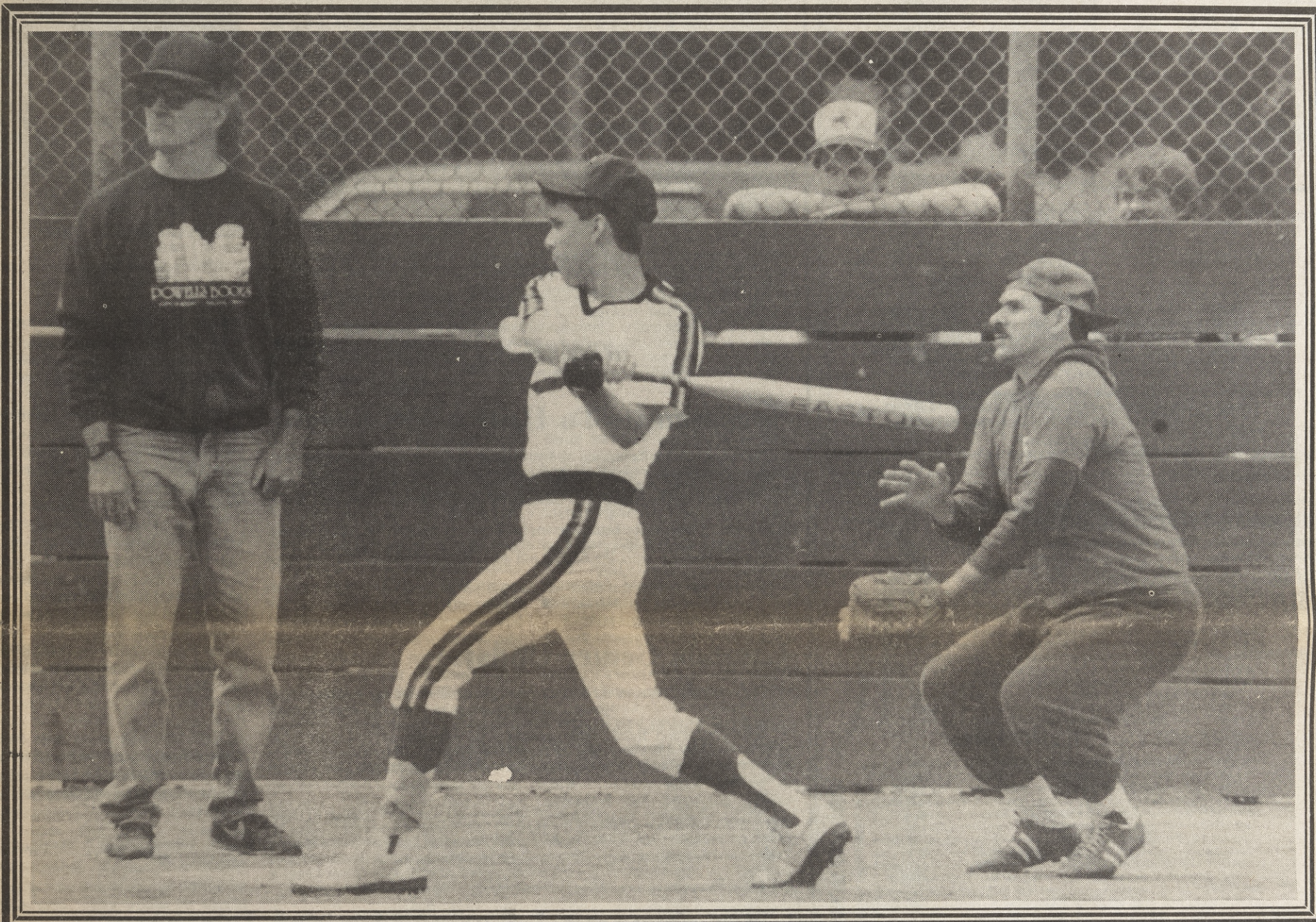
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Softball Season Opens!!

The Sacramento Gay Softball League has started their season with games every Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. at 21st and C streets. This year The Wreck Room, Buffalo Club, Faces and The Mercantile have organized teams.

photo by James Quast

Boston, MA...What started as a peaceful demonstration on the campus of Boston College protesting the college's refusal to promote widely-known radical-feminist theologian Mary Daly to full professorship, culminated in physical violence by campus police against five women.

— Gay Community News

New York, NY...More than 3,000 members of ACT UP/New York recently blocked Manhattan streets and disrupted City Hall business protesting alleged city inaction on AIDS issues. There were 190 demonstrators arrested, and the eastbound lanes of the Brooklyn Bridge were closed down.

— Out Front

San Diego, CA..."We're never doing enough on AIDS" is the comment of San Diego's chair of the County Board of Supervisors, Susan Golding. Gay officials credit her with forging an effective county response to AIDS.

— Bravo

San Francisco, CA...The newspaper Bay Area Reporter lashed out recently at the San Francisco Chronicle for an article that stated percentages of people who like the city and those who like the city somewhat. The cause of the row was one portion of the report that listed "too many gays," as a phrase to describe San Francisco.

— Bay Area Reporter

NEWS CLIPS

by J. Edward Jones
OF MGW STAFF

Chicago, IL...Thirty-five members of ACT UP/Chicago invaded the Department of Health and were granted an almost immediate meeting with health commissioner, Dr. Lonnie Edwards, to present demands on the distribution of sexually explicit safe sex materials, safe sex education information and other complaints.

— Outlines

San Francisco, CA...People of Color have begun mobilizing against AIDS. The organization indicated special concern over the lack of efforts by Latinos, Blacks, Asian-Americans and American Indians to get out information on AIDS.

— San Francisco Sentinel

Philadelphia, PA...The mayor's Commission on Sexual Minorities has been asked by the Commission on Human Relations to participate in a school district task force with the object Minorities has been asked by the Commission on Human Relations to participate in a school district task force with the object, D.C....The D.C. Council Committee on Human Services voted to add \$2,050,000 to the mayor's proposed AIDS budget for fiscal year 1990, bringing the total to just under what the council appropriated for FY '89.

— The Washington Blade

Salt Lake City, UT...The Restoration Church of Jesus Christ, which serves latter-day saints in the gay and lesbian community, has approved the ordination of Leanna R. Anderson of Sacramento to the office of Presiding Bishop.

— Restoration Church

Seattle, WA...The lesbian and gay community received a major disappointment when House Bill 2072, one which would have extended civil rights to lesbians and gay men, died in the State Government Committee.

— Seattle Gay News

Vancouver, B.C....The sixth annual convention of the International Gay Travel Association will be held in Vancouver, Canada, May 18 through May 21. For information, call (303) 467-7117.

— IGTA, Denver

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Lambda Freedom Fair Schedule

- May 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday - Volunteer sign-up nights in front of local bars.
- May 27, Saturday - Nominations for Lambda Freedom Fair Prom King and Queen, 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- June 16, Friday - "The Prom You Never Had" at Faces, starting at 8 p.m.
- June 17, Saturday - Fun Run and Freedom Fair at McKinley Park (Fair at the northwest corner of the park), with food, drink, organizational booths, entertainment, sack races, tug of war, kissing contests, and art fashion show. Fair is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and entertainment starts around 8 p.m.
- June 18, Sunday - The Community Barbecue start at 3 p.m. near The Mercantile and Faces on 20th Street. There will be live entertainment.

For more information, call 972-0802, 452-3091, 454-4351 or 456-7646.

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MGW HAPPENINGS

Win A Television!!

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club's 13th Anniversary has been designated "Lucky 13." A 13-inch microwave oven was awarded to Frank Benwa at the April 15 and 16 Clearlake run held at Sunset Point Resort. The annual weekend event was attended by about 50 motorcyclists and non-bikers from Sacramento, San Francisco and Clearlake.

According to club president, Mike Walker, the microwave oven was just a warm-up prize for the actual "Lucky 13" anniversary celebration to be held Saturday, May 20, at Joseph's Town & Country BackDoor Bar, 2062 Auburn Boulevard. Someone attending this party will receive a remote control 13-inch color television set. Other valuable prizes will be featured during the daylong event.

Motorcycle and Buddy events will be held in the early afternoon followed by cake, food, door prizes and pins while they last. There is no cover charge. Several out-of-town riders are making plans to attend so the Valley Knights have set up phone numbers: Motorcycle events information - Earl, 927-5861; general information - Mike, 455-6540. ■

Celebrity Art Auction Scheduled

River City MCC Celebrity Art Auction will be held on Saturday, May 6, at the Djurovich Gallery, 727 1/2 J Street, 454-4762. Noted local artists are donating their art works and a prominent celebrity auctioneer will be in attendance for this benefit of the New Church Building Fund. The art will be previewed at 5 p.m. and the auction will commence at 7 p.m. Wine, cheese and assorted snacks will be served. The public is cordially invited. ■

A Royal Gay-La

Thrill Seekers, the non-profit Lesbian and Gay Adventure Institute, is "coming-out" to the Sacramento community, June 2. The theme for the party is "The Coming-Out Coronation," featuring a raffle-style drawing to select Sacramento's first "Queen-For-A-Day."

Prizes for the "Queen" include starting the day with a hair cut and style, followed by an invigorating massage. Then s/he (and a friend) will be whisked off to a private airport and flown in a private plane, piloted by one of Thrill Seekers' private pilots, to a remote location for a gourmet picnic, then off to a horoscope reading by Jean Richey.

Prizes also include a free initiation into Valentis Health Club, a Free Grooming for the royal pet, and 50 percent off a VCR head cleaning.

The party will be held at Clunie Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes one entry into the "Queen-For-A-Day" drawing, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and no-host beverages. Tickets are available in advance through Thrill Seekers, Raeann Jones, 454-6112, or at Lioness Books. ■

Soroptimists To Host AIDS Benefit

The Soroptimists International of Metropolitan Sacramento will host a fundraising benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation on Friday, June 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel. The event, titled "A Night in History: The Big Band Era," will include a silent auction, dinner and dancing to John Skinner's Orchestra, a fourteen piece swing band.

The Metropolitan Soroptimists arrange a benefit every year for a local charity. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation was chosen this year for its community education work. Proceeds from the benefit will go to AIDS education and prevention work for women and children.

Tickets for the dinner and dance will cost \$45 per person, or \$450 for a table for ten. For information, call 448-2437. ■

Lambda Center Updates

• The Lambda Community Fund is pleased to announce the appointment of new board members Vivian Rambo and Yolanda Ortiz to its Board of Directors. Additional board members include: Jerry Sloan, Laura Enright and Wimsey Wrede.

The Lambda Fund Board, which oversees all the programs of the Lambda Fund including the Lambda Center and the Stop AIDS Project, is still accepting applications for potential board members. If you are interested, contact the Lambda Center at 442-0185.

• **HELP US!** Do you have a few hours to spare? Do you enjoy painting or cleaning? Maybe you'd like to plant a few flowers? The Lambda Center is looking for people to volunteer a few hours a week or even a few hours a month to help keep the Center operating. We need your help to supply quality programs to the Sacramento Gay/Lesbian Community. Please call the Lambda Center at 442-0185 or Laura at 682-5481. ■

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Sex At SACWN

JoAnn Loulan, author of "Lesbian Sex" and "Lesbian Passion" (nominated by the American Library Association as one of the top gay books in 1987), spoke and entertained over 400 SACWN (Sacramento Area Career Women's Network) women at the Beverly Garland Hotel in late April.



photo by Michael-Mary Jurach

JoAnn Loulan

Loulan opened with, "I came here to talk about vaginas!!" Not a typically quiet author, Loulan has a sense of humor falling somewhere between Dr. Ruth and Bette Midler.

Loulan is a licensed Marriage, Family and Child Care Counselor who specializes in sex education, and the sexual and emotional concerns of lesbians.

Loulan covered everything from coming out at the car wash to how many times lesbians have sex; and, how come the Encyclopedia Britannica doesn't have a section on lesbians!? She covered relationships, pointing out that in long-term relationships sex has to be brought back home, and that making love sometimes has to be planned.

This SACWN event was truly outstanding, one of the best ever! If you are interested in sex...her books are available at Lioness and Persuasion Books.

For future SACWN events, call 486-8985. ■

Gay and Lesbian Television Premieres

May 31 marks the special one hour premiere of Visionz, a new and distinct television magazine produced by members of the lesbian and gay community of Sacramento. The one hour special will air Wednesday night on Sacramento Cable Channel 47 at 9 p.m., after which it will appear as a weekly half-hour program at the same time. Visionz will be rebroadcast Thursdays at 4 p.m. and again on Fridays at 11 a.m., giving the viewer a broad range of viewing times.

Anyone interested in working "behind the camera," or in any of the other technical positions, can be trained. Businesses and organizations are needed to donate services or materials. Call 452-5727, 641-0704, or write to 2128 El Camino Avenue, Box 113, Sacramento, CA 95821. ■

Correction

In the April issue, the story on Also, the correct date for the Women's Equality Picnic was April 9, on Sunday. ■



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Consolidated City-County Government Proposed

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento's Ad Hoc Charter Commission released its "conceptual model" for a new system of city-county government on April 13. The draft charter was floated as a focal point for discussion. "The Commission will...revisit all portions of the charter more than once, has already requested several modifications be made and has not even reached a tentative consensus on the planning article," Roy Brewer, chairman of the commission said.

The proposal would merge the county and city governments into one centralized administration. A new "City and County of Sacramento" would be created. Only one other such form of government exists in California, and that is the City and County of San Francisco.

The city-county form of government was first recommended when residents in several areas of the county were toying with the idea of incorporating as separate cities and formed a Local Government Reorganization Commission in December 1987. The Commission determined that a "fiscal and governmental crisis is upon us, most notably in the unincorporated areas."

In the summer of 1988, the Ad Hoc Charter Commission was appointed to look into the options. It was given \$500,000 for the first phase of its study, to be followed with another \$500,000 for the second phase of the study. With the merger, any policies and ordinances now on the books, either at the city or county level, would remain in effect, and would cover those areas that they now have jurisdiction over. The new consolidated government would have to decide whether or not to adopt or discard existing ordinances.

Under the draft charter, Sacramento would be governed by a five-member Council of Supervisors, who would set the policy for the region. They would be elected by the district for four-year terms. A strong mayor would be elected separately from the supervisors, also for a four-year term, and would be responsible for submitting a budget, for overseeing all administration in the city/county, and could submit proposals to the supervisors for consideration. In addition, the mayor would have

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CAPPAC Celebrates First Anniversary

The California Capital Political Action Committee (CAPPAC) has announced that comic Marga Gomez will be featured entertainer at CAPPAC's first anniversary dinner on Saturday, June 10. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at Sacramento's Tuesday Club.

Gomez, who was awarded Entertainer of the Year honors by the San Francisco/Bay Area Gold Awards, promises an evening full of laughs. A popular entertainer in the San Francisco Bay Area, Gomez got her comic start at the short-lived, but popular Valencia Rose, a San Francisco cabaret. She perfected her material at the cabaret, where her social humor struck a special chord with female audiences and the gay community. "The audience was my peer group, so it was easy to try new things out," said Gomez.

In addition to Gomez, the night's events will include a keynote address by openly gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts). Frank, a five-term congressman, has the distinction of being the highest ranking, openly-gay, elected official in the nation.

CAPPAC, which celebrates its first anniversary this summer, is a Sacramento-based, bi-partisan political action committee. The organization was formed to raise money to help elect public officials who are supportive of gay and lesbian issues. The dinner is open to the public. Ticket information is available by calling CAPPAC at (916) 736-2722. ■

Rudin To Address RCDC

Sacramento Mayor Ann Rudin will address the May general membership meeting of the River City Democratic Club, club president, Kenneth Topper, announced. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. RCDC membership meetings are held at the Lambda Community Center, corner of 20th and L streets, in downtown Sacramento.

"We've asked the Mayor to give us some insights into local issues such as City/County consolidation and the upcoming city council races," Topper said. "She's been a good friend to the community and we trust her opinions." ■

Matsui Requests Release Of Lesbian

Representative Robert T. Matsui (D-California) has asked a top U.S. general to release a woman marine currently serving a term of confinement in Parris Island, South Carolina because of her sexual orientation.

In a letter to Major General Jarvis Lynch, Jr. of the Parris Island Marine Recruit Depot, the California lawmaker called for the release of Sergeant Cheryl Jameson, and charged that the base's current pattern of behavior is indefensible.

"This treatment of lesbian and gay members of the military is indefensible," Matsui told the major general. "A growing number of court decisions are repudiating the military's practice of blatant discrimination against lesbians and gay men. The courts recognize that no evidence supporting the military's view on the incompatibility of homosexuals and military service has ever been produced. To exclude lesbians and gay men from the opportunity to serve in the military is an economic injustice as well as a violation of fundamental human rights."

Sergeant Jameson is the third woman at the Parris Island facility who has recently been court-martialed because of her sexual orientation.

Representative Matsui said that he will closely watch the situation at Parris Island while making the military's treatment of homosexuals one of his priorities during the 101st Congress.

"Lesbians and gay men represent 10 percent of our nation's population," the California Democrat said. "They have served as dedicated and decorated military professionals in the past and should be allowed to continue to nobly serve in our armed services." ■



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Today, 26 states deny gay men and lesbians the same basic right to control their bodies. In these states, any adult who chooses a physical expression of love with another adult of the same sex may be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution, even if the conduct is private and consensual.

The American Civil Liberties Union has gone to court again and again to argue that such laws are unconstitutional, that the choice of sexual expression is a private decision, that the government cannot legally regulate consenting adults in private sexual activity.

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by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

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As Spring struggles to take hold, new hope prevails in our community. A true sense of oneness continues to emerge as a sign of contentment and confidence. As with Spring, we too are on our way... • With the beautiful spring weather, it's definitely time to grab the wheels and join the **Spokes Womyn Bicycle Club**. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month • The critically acclaimed **Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC)** spring event is now May 19, 20 and 21 at the **Carmichael Civic Theatre**. Tickets for "That's Entertainment" are available through the chorus or at **Howe Avenue Box Office** • It all comes together on May 21 for the historic **Sacramento AIDS Walk**. You can make a difference by playing a proud part. Call 429-9404 to get involved • And, on the bar scene. Near the end of May, **Partners**, the new country western bar, should be open at 2nd Avenue and 24th Street. It's a must on my dance list. And, **The Townhouse**, should be opening soon on 21st Street. Watch for it! • For "Pageant Fever" fans, **Joseph's Town & Country** keeps temperatures high with the official **Mr. Gay Northern California All-American Contest** on May 6 • The **Buffalo Club** may be Sacramento's friendliest "mixed" gay bar. It's said that their weekend beer busts are especially fun • The outside renovation is complete at the **Mercantile**. All must agree it was worth the effort. The building is beautiful. Now, if we could get **Bill Christie** to do the same for our **Lambda Center** •



What a pleasant surprise to see an advertisement in the **Sacramento Bee** for the **Weather Girls** at **Terry Sidee's Faces** •

The **Wreck Room's** baseball team opened the season at 21st and C with an outstanding ball game! Check it out on Sundays • One of our positive visual symbols, **The Lambda Community Center**, is in need of building maintenance. Please support gay pride and keep the center strong. It offers so much for all of us • **Greg Louganis** has fired his former business manager and Malibu housemate, **James Babbitt**, and last month he had to get a restraining order to keep Babbitt away from him • **Rita Mae Brown's** "Starting From Scratch" was named one of 1988's best books for young adults by The American Library Association • In this decade of heightened nesting, nationally acclaimed psychotherapist, **Betty Berzon**, will run a workshop in San Francisco on May 13. She is the author of **Permanent Partners: Building Gay and Lesbian Relationships That Last**. For information or a brochure, call (415) 525-7979 • Can a city be judged by its desserts? If so, we're on top. **Rick's Dessert Diner**, **Chocolate Ripple** and **Weatherstones** are always teeming with excitement. Get out and satisfy that sweet-tooth • Another local city spot, that always amazes me, is **Java City**. The variety of

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folk that visit this coffee broker will astound you. It's similar to San Francisco's **Cafe Flore** • Rumor has it that **Larry Hoover** has a new "Munchkin" in his life. We all send best wishes to the lucky fellow! • **SACWN** continues to offer exciting events for this area's Lesbian Community. Dance the night away at the **Sierra Inn**, on May 6, while celebrating **Cinco de Mayo**. There also will be a **Mother's Day Potluck** at **Beach Lake Preserve** on May 28 • My sources inform me of a great, yet inexpensive, restaurant on the pier near San Francisco's financial district. It's called, what else but, **The Waterfront Restaurant** • Other San Francisco news: Experience how the other half lives at the **Mark Hopkins Hotel**. I recently attended my cousin's wedding reception at the hotel. It also

your candidates **Garnet, Leonard, Paul** and **Stacey**. This gang knows how to have fun while raising money for worthy causes •

• Attended the **Positive Social Support Newsletter's** First Encounter Party. The group is certainly on the right track. **PSSN** also provides a mountain of **AIDS** information in its publication •

• **Jo Gurney**, Ms. Sacramento Leather, is sponsoring a blood drive. It's all part of a healthy challenge to the San Francisco chapter • Ever wondered what happened to songwriter/singer **Margie Adams**? Who is working for a national alcohol program and living with her lover, author **JoAnn Loulan** in the Berkeley area. At this time she has no plans to get back into performing. • The **Sacramento AIDS Foundation's (SAF)** Healthy Living series offers **Healthwatch: Treatments for HIV** on May 10, **Nutrition: Fuel For Your Immune System** on May 17, **Healing the Inner Child** on May 24, **The Buddy Connection** on May 15 and **Heart to Heart** every Tuesday • Join the fight against AIDS by calling the **Sacramento County Office of Volunteer Services** at 440-5901. The county's AIDS unit is in need of many skills • The ever-growing **Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)** is looking for a new home to seat 300! • The eternal appeal of **Pillars** lives on with "Salute to Mothers" on May 12. Moms and straight friends are encouraged to attend. The May 26 meeting highlights "old friends and new" • Now don't laugh, but I've heard that the new **Sears** on Arden is beautiful with marble and granite! The store also features multi-levels adjoining a new parking ramp • An easy and efficient way to take an active part in civil rights legislation is the **Lambda Letters Project**. The River City Democratic Club (RCDC) sponsors this ingenious plan • There's still time to take part in **The Lambda Community Center's** workshop series. Check out the rap groups, writing seminars and the **Gay and Lesbian Film Series** • Now I've heard (and seen) it all! "**Hollywood Hunks In the Raw**" is a new publication that humorously, yet accurately, lists a multitude of stars and in what movies they appear nude. To get a copy (\$8 postpaid) write to Vidfile, Box 14576, San Francisco, CA 94114 • My eyes are wide open in anticipation of **Visionz**, Sacramento Cable's upcoming addition to gay and lesbian programming • Looking ahead to June: **CAP-PAC** celebrates its first anniversary with **Barney Frank** at a gala fundraiser; there's the **Lambda Freedom Fair**; and, the **San Francisco Gay Pride Parade** • Until June, keep in touch....John ■

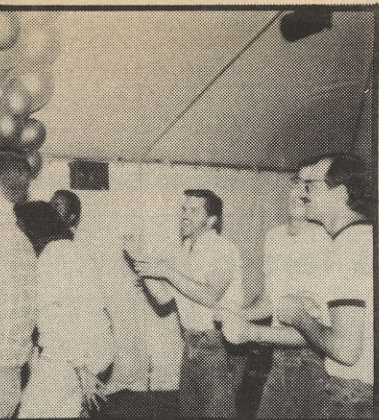


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was a delight to tour some of the lavish rooms. And talk about "rooms with a view" • May birthday wishes to my **Mom, Gary Coates, Pete Pavey, Rob Jenkins, Brad Liszt** and **SMC** conductor, **Kirk Bell** • Do you believe **300,000** attended the recent **March for Women's Equality, Women's Lives** in Washington D.C! The silent majority made its voice heard • **MGW** writer, **Griff Field**, must be commended for his **CSUS** publication, "**Safer Sex and You**." This polished work is quite timely •



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The Cowdykes Have Returned!

by R. L. Herber
OF MGW STAFF

Le Theatre Lesbian is back with the sassy production of "Return Of The Cowdykes At The Lavender Corral." Written by Cherie Gordon and La Marc Du Champs, the play revisits the women living in Lavender Gulch who were introduced in the original "Cowdykes At The Lavender Corral."

You remember Pat Pitt, Bett Butch and Ms. Edna, the talking horse, don't you? Well, now our heroines have to deal with the likes of Samantha Slim and Baracuda Bitch, not to mention the Country Western dance craze that has taken over the town.

As the story goes, Samantha Slim is running for mayor of Lavender Gulch and stealing funds from the old folks home. Will she get elected? Not a chance you think. But wait! Isn't she one of the best two-steppers in town? Will it be possible for Samantha Slim to manipulate those dykes who live for Country Western dancing to a point where they will vote for her?

You better go see the show for yourself. It's difficult to predict what the love of Country Western dancing can do to the hearts of dykes who have principles.

Gordon says the satire is written for the sake of humor and pokes fun at everybody. "It will give us all a chance to laugh at ourselves," she promises.

Gordon thought of writing the sequel after she overheard a conversation in one of the local gay and lesbian bars. "I was surprised to observe this whole phenomena of Country Western, dancing and people were talking about things that were a far cry from the political ac-

tivism of the 60s." Gordon stresses the play doesn't really have any political viewpoints and people shouldn't expect a moral lesson. "Humor is the only thing I hold sacred and I'm sure a few people will be shocked at how irreverent I can be."

From what I know about the play, it should be a hoot and a holler. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Lioness Books or Flash Gordon Costumes. The play runs at the Sierra II Community Center on the weekends of May 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20. ■

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Sacramento Ballet's Smashing Season Finale

by Bill Gingrich
OF MGW STAFF

Ron Cunningham completed his first season as artistic director of The Sacramento Ballet with his production of American Gala. When he told the audience, from the stage, that he had enjoyed his first year in Sacramento and is looking forward to many others, the response from the nearly full house was enthusiastic and immediate. The audience in the Community Center Theater also gave each piece the same applause of appreciation.

The show opened with "By George," a medley of George Gershwin songs with choreography appropriate to the times and dance styles of the Gershwin era. Dancers, in costumes of formal tuxedos and gowns, performed dances, reminiscent of the Astaire/Kelly era, with their various partners. The dancers' movements were fluid, romantic and consistent with the music.

"Adagio for Strings," one of the most recognized pieces by Samuel Barber, with its sensual and captivating mood, gave a sense of the dance for the second number. Choreographer, Ron Cunningham, matched the mood and sense of building of the music with exactness and full consideration of its impact. The dancers provided grace and ability in implementing the design of the piece, which insured the visual aspect of the production.

The third piece, "Incident at Blackbriar," music by William Sleator, was a dramatic interpretation of words by the same author. The three dancers and Cunningham's choreography maintained the drama of the story and the music.

And finally, "American Salute," a truly red, white and blue extravaganza, a stars and stripes forever parade of John Phillip Sousa music, left the audience with an exhilaration which marched out the doors into the city streets.

Dancers all in red, white and blue costumes marched, paraded and danced across the stage. Although an honest attempt was made to construct the dance in a martial way, at times it failed to meet the exuberance demanded by the music. Perhaps the loyalty to the more classic ballet movements should have been replaced with the style of the Rockettes.

However, the predictable dramatic display of the American flag, serpentine ribbons, falling glitter and hand-carried flags seemed to give the finish the flourish called for by the music and the temperament of the audience.

Yes, Cunningham, we are glad you have spent the year with us and, yes, we are also looking forward to many more. ■

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"The Normal Heart" Gives Audience An Above Normal Experience

by Louis A. Camera
OF MGW STAFF

The primary purpose of college theatre is to serve as a learning laboratory for the cast as well as to entertain/inform the audience. The recent California State University, Sacramento Theatre Department's production of Larry Kramer's "The Normal Heart," accomplished both very well. Straight cast members not only had to learn their lines and stage movement, but also had to become comfortable in portraying gay relationships and feelings. In addition, cast members were confronted with the issues surrounding AIDS and were able to enlighten audience members.

The play is based upon the actual early efforts to raise public awareness, recognition and government support for AIDS and PWAs in New York City. Many of the characters are identified in Randy Shilts' "The Band Played On" and in past issues of the "New York Native." The playwright's personal anger is very evident throughout the script and director Donald Fibiger has effectively captured that emotion and instilled it into his cast members.

The most outstanding performance credit goes to Bill Zariello, who played Felix Turner, the lover who contracts AIDS. Throughout the play, Zariello consistently and believably played a sensitive, loving and afflicted gay man with true emotion and definite conviction. Not once did he allow his character to slip into stereotypical affectations.

Having had the opportunity to talk with him in an interview prior to the production, he explained that the role became easier for him to play once he realized that he should play the part as a young man in love (and the person of his affection just happens to be another man), rather than as a gay man and thus avoid gay "stereotyping." Zariello accomplished this very well.

A.C. Southland's characterization of Mickey Marcus (based upon Kramer's own lover and Gay Men's Health Crisis executive director,

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Sally Edwards: Endurance Is The Key



by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — If you've bought a pair of running shoes lately, you may have been in her 27-store chain. If you've been in a bookstore or picked up a newspaper, you may have seen one of her books or read her syndicated sports column.

You may even have watched her on television, setting the current world's record for women in the grueling Ironman master's triathlon.

But to her followers and admirers - and even some of her friends, Sally Edwards remains a mystery.

"Some of my friends say that deep down, I must be really insecure," said Edwards, with a laugh.

"When you run 100 miles and you've been out for 22 hours and it's night and you're real beat up, you go real deep.

"You've got to dig down to be able to go on."

The gutsy, muscular businesswoman who founded Fleet Feet, a multi-million dollar franchise that grossed \$9 million in 1987, owes her success to a never-say-die attitude.

Whether balancing the ledger or racing for the finish line, Edwards lives by one creed: endurance wins out.

"You just simply have to endure," said Edwards.

"I attribute my success in business to my athletic ability," said Edwards. "If I hadn't had that

background as a child, I wouldn't be where I am today.

"You learn how to be strong and forceful and determined through sports."

The youngest child in a family of boys, Edwards showed this boldness early on. She never wanted to do any of the things girls were supposed to do.

"I didn't want to play with dolls or take ballet lessons," she said.

She hated cooking, sewing and ironing, and refused to learn any of the traditional female skills. Instead, she wanted to be a tomboy, to play games and be like her brothers.

Luckily, her parents let her follow her natural inclinations and ended up recognizing her innate talents.

"My father used to introduce me as 'his fourth son,'" said Edwards.

Edwards feels that her early interest in sports - in learning how to push herself to her limits - was the best training she could have had for life.

"The way boys are raised - the values and skills that they learn are phenomenal," said Edwards. "I believe it's a wonderful way to raise a girl."

Although Edwards says she now wishes she knew how to cook, she thinks that the traditional way of raising girls doesn't prepare them

for the rough and tumble world of business that most women are part of today.

"We overprotect and shelter girls," said Edwards.

As a child, Edwards played basketball, volleyball and softball. At a time when there was little, if any, emphasis on women's athletics, Edwards went on to become the best athlete in the family.

"We had intramural sports," said Edwards of her school days.

Even at college, it wasn't much better. At the University of California, Berkeley where she majored in physical education, the school barely had competition for women.

"We had something called 'powderpuff' football," said Edwards. "We went as far as Davis (less than 100 miles) to compete."

Today, the U.C. Berkeley women's teams play colleges across the nation.

In the 1960s, colleges weren't willing to spend money on women's sports. There was almost no money for coaching or training, much less scholarships for qualified women.

"When I went to college, there were no athletic scholarships," said Edwards.

Now, it's a different story.

"Last year, there were 10,000 athletic scholarships for college-level women's sports. Thank god, the times have changed!"

But according to Edwards, times haven't changed enough. Even today, women receive far fewer athletic scholarships than men.

"There is a form of sports apartheid," said Edwards. "In comparison, they haven't even begun to change so that there's any kind of an equity basis between women's sports and men's."

To Edwards, this is important. The experience she gained in sports gave her the tools she needed for life.

"Sports gives you an image of who you are," said Edwards. "If you develop an image of self-confidence - of strength or power or whatever you want to call it - all of them roll into every other aspect of your life."

"I really believe in myself and I believe I can do almost anything."

On that, Edwards isn't kidding.

Learning How To Win

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Although Sally Edwards pushes sports, she isn't just a physical fitness freak. She believes that learning how to compete can change a person's whole life.

"There are certain kinds of things that create paradigm changes in people's lives," said Edwards.

"Getting in tune with your body is one of the ways to do it."

Edwards know from personal experience that anyone can make these changes.

"Living a full life is one of those things anyone can dedicate themselves to," said Edwards.

To show other people how, Edwards has put her philosophy into five books. The first, "Triathlon: A Triple Fitness Sport," sets out rules that can guide a person through these changes. A few of these principles, which Edwards calls "The Aerobic 10 Commandments," are:

A) Don't aim to low or too high. Learn to set realistic goals;

B) Expand your limits. Always demand more of yourself than you did last time;

C) Progress comes through hard and easy stages. Learn to rest

after you've pushed yourself to a limit;

D) You only get what you go after. Learn what your skills are to maximize them;

E) You have to know the race if you want to perform well. Testing yourself is part of the process;

F) Enjoy the ordeal. If you're not having fun, you're not living.

"Sports is such a discovery process that if you can find an enjoyable way to integrate sports into your life, it is unbelievably valuable."

Although Edwards is a world record triathlete, she is still human.

Her latest book, "The Equilibrium Plan," tells how to lose weight through a combination of exercise and careful eating habits. In it, she says to avoid caffeine, sugar and fats yet she still eats all three.

"I have bad habits," she said. "I couldn't live without coffee."

But having human flaws doesn't stop her from pursuing a goal she thinks is one of the best anyone can have.

"I want to feel alive in every cell of my body and every corner of my mind."

Over the past two decades, she has continually tested herself to see how far she can go.

And the answer is pretty far. She's won 10 kilometers to 100-mile races and set a record in the U.S. 100-mile race by running the Western States Endurance Run in 20 hours and seven minutes.

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Relationship Enhancement: Communicating Differences

Part 1

by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

Most people whom I've interviewed state that their primary interest in a relationship is good communication. And most people have no difficulty in communicating agreement. In fact, shared interests and values are often what draw couples together and form the basis for their bonding. Commonalities help create the easy and relaxed feelings of togetherness. Disagreements are often experienced as extremely negative events which break the feeling of togetherness, and leave the two feeling like opponents rather than friends or lovers.

But disagreeing can actually be the source of increased intimacy and knowledge of the other. The key to handling arguments is an openly stated respect for the other's opinions, feelings, attitudes, perceptions and sensations. We can "agree to disagree." Individuated personalities, that is, people who have developed their own tastes, perceptions and lifestyles, have no need to relate to someone who tries to be a clone. Creativity in a relationship may often rest in exploring the differences. In exploring your partner's differences you are discovering their uniqueness as an individual, which is the newness that they bring into your world.

Too much agreement can be a problem in itself. The stronger personality begins to feel shadowed by someone who has no ideas or strong feelings about anything. The one who "goes along" begins to feel lost and overly dependent on the other. This unspoken situation creates a tension which can drive people apart without an awareness of "what went wrong."

This series will explore some basic rules for exploring differences while maintaining togetherness. All are techniques proven to be successful. At first, some of these may seem too formal or rigid. But establishing rules for creative competition really brings order into chaotic situations; establishes a sense of personal safety and predictability; and can establish clear communication of precisely how you differ, without creating feelings of being discounted or put down.

Where and when to argue

The key consideration is to establish a physically safe place. The selection of a setting requires an attitude of mutual consideration and care. Ideally, the couple should select a neutral room in their home or in each home, if they are not living together. Public rooms like the living room or kitchen might be the best choices. The bedroom is for romance or sleep. Passionate arguments, especially if unfinished, can make these uses of the bedroom difficult.

It is very important that couples agree not to argue while driving. First, if the driver becomes upset, you may be putting your life in danger. Second, the changing impressions of the road or street can be distractors from the issues of disagreement. Thirdly, arguments should be carried on "eye to eye." Sitting next to one another in a car will not allow for this.

Couples should develop the skill of "shelving" an argument for the appropriate time and place. If something important comes up while driving, or in the company of friends with whom you do not want to share this intimacy, both should feel free to suggest, "Let's get into this later at your place (or, at home)." Each person should then take responsibility for his or her own "attitude readjustment."

To "shelve it" really means to drop the issue and the feelings which accompany it for the time being. Pouting or silently fuming should be set aside until the time and place for the argument. Each one should take responsibility for "pulling his/her Self together" or "snapping out of it." A date has been set for the argument; both should be responsible for keeping that date and snapping into it then. Don't use this arrangement to avoid a confrontation. Keep the date. If you believe that you are unable to "snap out of it" or "shift gears," you should be aware that this is a skill you can learn. And if you are concerned with holding up your end of a relationship and with being a caring person, you should learn this skill. Meditation classes, progressive relaxation classes, imagery conditioning classes, or individual therapy may be resources for you. Be a wise consumer and state the

skill you wish to learn.

Once the place has been set, the time must be considered. Don't start something as he is adjusting his tie right before leaving for work. Don't bring it up as soon as she walks in the door. In the first case, the person is at a disadvantage because he is mentally preparing for the job. And if the second case is established, she will dread coming home. Agree to find a quiet moment which will allow you the hours to air and share your differences. Ideally, add enough time to enjoy something you both like after the argument is over. For many people this may mean putting the argument off until a weekend.

As the time passes before the date for the argument, use it in a relaxed way. Avoid anxious feelings by thinking about different ways which most clearly make your point. Think of examples of situations or other people, stories or movies which might illustrate your perception. Remember you are planning to share something of yourself, not engage in battle.

Next month we'll explore some groundrules of the argument itself.

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Rodger McFarlane) was another outstanding performance.

Southland showed a wide range of superior acting ability, within the depth of his character, going from the light-hearted gay man looking for someone, to the totally wigged-out, over-stressed, involved volunteer who has given 110 percent throughout and blames himself because he just can't give any more. This reviewer could not help but notice the expressions on some of the faces in the audience, many of whom are well known also to give 110 percent of themselves in our community and in volunteer efforts. During Mickey's near-breakdown scene, they noticeably identified with his feelings and frustrations. This is a true compliment to Mr. Southland and his ability to portray reality.

English/drama major Tom McQueen played the role of Ben Weeks, the straight, somewhat homophobic brother of the lead character, with a frightening degree of reality. Tom said he was "unfortunately" able to base the portrayal on the actions and behaviors of others he has come in contact with in the past, during the period the

play takes place. Tom's character rekindled, all too vividly, what many gays have experienced from family members: only tacit or verbal acceptance when sexual preference is known.

Michael Jackson played the lead as Ned Weeks, the firebrand gay rights activist out to educate the world, determined to turn things around, shy in personal relationships yet willing to stand up to the mayor and lay his personal opinion on the line. The role is extremely demanding and Jackson did an acceptable job - however, he seemed to lack conviction. Too many times during the evening, it seemed as if lines were just being read, the anger was pushed, and the love/feelings/emotion restrained.

Noteworthy performances were also given by Mary-Carol Ghattas, as the outspoken physician, Dr. Emma Brookner; Yuri Pernermon as Tommy Boatwright; and John Lewitzke, making his California acting debut, as the mayor's aide and the examining doctor.

The makeup artist, who was not listed in the program, could have made a better attempt to make Ghattas look her technical age rather than as a recent med-school graduate, or the person with Kaposi's Sarcoma look a little more realistic than a person with a sort of purple blotch on his face.

Don Fibiger and the CSU, Sacramento Theatre Department are to be commended for having the courage and conviction to present "The Normal Heart" as part of their program. Over the years the department has proven that they are willing and able to take the lead in producing quality gay and lesbian theatre in Sacramento.

Proceeds from the first two performances were donated to Sacramento Aid to AIDS.

Encouragement from the gay and lesbian community to continue these presentations may mean that we will not have to travel to San Francisco as often for relevant productions. ■

Edwards

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In 1987, she set a new world's record for the women's master's division of the Ironman Triathlon, lopping nearly an hour off the existing time. She brought in a 2.4-mile swim, a 100-plus mile bike ride and a marathon run at 11 hours and seven minutes.

The racks of trophies and ribbons illustrate a series of hard-fought victories. But there have been defeats along the way.

Edwards flunked the English entrance exam when she went to the

University of California at Berkeley. A failure that would have crushed most, Edwards didn't let that stop her from writing books.

"I learned a lot about hiring real good editors," said Edwards, who allows editors a free hand, although she writes all the original material.

She also ended up publishing her first book herself because no one would touch a book by a first-time author. But once the book sold 8,000 copies, three publishers were ready to pick it up.

There were other hurdles.

Edwards was fired from her first teaching job at Monterey Peninsula College. She was the only woman on a 10-person staff who was expected to coach all three women's teams while male staff members only coached one.

She admits she wasn't willing to work twice as hard and get less in return.

"I asked for an equal budget. I wanted money for travel and assistant coaches."

And even in sports - that most personal of battles - she's often faced failure.

Halfway through an Ironman competition in 1986, her bike broke. Unwilling to quit, Edwards borrowed a cycle from a spectator and continued the race.

And in business, the fine line between winning and losing is a daily occurrence. The competition is always there, either ahead of you or nipping at your heels.

Recently, Edwards acquired the trademark to the words "Fleet Feet," the name of the franchise she started after nearly a decade of legal wrangling.

"I'm finally buying the name," said Edwards. "It's costing me \$100,000 but it's worth it."

"In business, a lot of it is just endurance. In any business meeting, I can outlast anyone."

Strong words indeed from a woman with a broken ankle and a foot in a cast. Even though she hobbled around the office, the injury didn't stop her from swimming a mile each morning or lifting weights at lunch.

"Larger businesses than you are will hit you with everything," said Edwards. "They have more people, more money, more resources."

"As little guys, we have to just out-endure them."

Wise words for any endeavor, be it business, politics or sports. ■

Consolidated

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line-item veto power over the supervisors. This would create a very strong central government and a very powerful executive branch.

The mayor and supervisors would be full-time, paid positions.

The city/county would be broken up into nine districts. Each district would be represented in a "Metropolitan Legislature" by one person. This individual would be elected for four years to the full-time, paying position.

In addition, the draft suggests a series of "Local Community Councils" to be elected by districts. Eighteen LCCs would have authority over local zoning, planning, street lights, traffic signals and signs, etc. The Local Community Councils would be part-time, non-partisan, unpaid and elected every four years.

Thus the new government would have an executive branch (Mayor and Council of Supervisors), a legislative branch (Metropolitan Legislature), plus a local element.

The Ad Hoc Commission will gather input in a series of public forums and will submit a final draft in June. The proposal will be given to the county Planning Department for an environmental impact review. If the Planning Department acts quickly the measure could be put before the voters next fall.

For input into the process, you can attend the commission's meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the chambers of the County Board of Supervisors. For more information, the commission's office number is 440-5600. ■

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Making Peace With Religion

Reviews by James K. Graham
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On Being Gay by Brian McNaught, St. Martin's Press, 1988, Hard-bound, 176pp, \$13.95.

Out of the Bishop's Closet by Antonio A. Feliz, Aurora Press, 1988, Softbound, 217pp, \$12.95.

These two books published in the last half of 1988 - *On Being Gay* by Brian McNaught and *Out of the Bishop's Closet* by Antonio Feliz - deal with some of the struggles and joys experienced by gay people who seek to remain faithful, simultaneously, to their religious faith and to their gay identities.

Although McNaught presents his story as a collection of essays and Feliz as an autobiographical narrative, the former is a polished writer and the latter is not, and though one is Roman Catholic and the other is Mormon, they share an essential sameness of experience that can both reassure and frighten those of us who share their attempt to remain faithful to these two deep parts of our beings that sometimes seem like irreconcilable opposites.

McNaught's *On Being Gay*, a revision/expansion/update of his earlier, privately-printed collection entitled *A Disturbed Peace*, contains his thoughts and reflections on several general areas of concern: "On Being Yourself," "Growing Up Gay," "Friends and Lovers," "The Journey Forward," and "Celebration." He gives his readers some fairly restricted glimpses into his adolescence and young adulthood, into his struggles with sexuality and theology, into his activism and professional life. But in the usual restrained fashion of modern Roman Catholics, he doesn't talk much about the intensity of his experiences, but refers to them rather coolly and detachedly, with a touch of elegant rhetoric here, a dash of ironic humor there, to give support to his rather unremarkable and commonplace generalities.

Some of them are these: "I vowed never again to live my life based upon the expectations of others"; "That's what I want to be: an average guy who happens to be gay, and, like the woman who happens to be a transsexual priest, feel I have nothing to prove"; "The only valid expectation for a holiday is that you have the right to determine what you want it to mean to you and how you will make it meaningful"; "Don't go looking for a lover because you won't find one"; "Real love is the fruit of, not the reason for, entering relationships"; and "Homosexuals cannot be hurt by truth. Only helped."

This is not to disparage

McNaught or his book. Probably many people will find his observations and conclusions insightful and helpful; certainly they have a positive, common-sensical validity and witness to the efforts of a man of conscience to understand and cope with, even to improve, the often painful and unjust world in which he finds himself. *On Being Gay* is valuable too, if it helps young gay people understand how we arrived at the relative freedom and acceptance we now take for granted - and to understand how fragile are the foundations of that freedom and acceptance.

But, *Out of the Bishop's Closet* is a much more interesting book. It burns with the passionate earnestness of a man whose every spiritual and psychological life support is knocked out from under him and who must struggle to rebuild them for himself. It is made more fascinating by its delving into intricacies of Mormon doctrine, scripture, and history, and its revelation of how some early teachings and practices of Joseph Smith were discarded or reinterpreted by his successors in the leadership of the Mormon Church.

Feliz bares his soul to the reader, describing the anguish of having to excommunicate gay Mormons when he knew that he was equally "guilty," the pain of leaving his wife and children when his wife could not follow him on his journey of self-discovery and religious questioning, the alternating euphoria and depression of coming out and trying to accept God's love for him as a gay man, the horror of his breakdown and near-suicide, and the growing happiness of learning to understand the true meaning of Scripture and doctrine, and of being able to keep his faith and exercise his priesthood.

In his last chapter, "Coming Out Spiritually," Feliz sums up what he has learned in his spiritual odyssey. It has to be understood in its specifically Mormon context, which is more than a little different for an Orthodox Christian, but once one gets over that hurdle, the experience and the conclusions have a remarkable universality, as these passages from that chapter show:

"I had learned that, indeed, 'no unclean thing can enter the kingdom of God.' However, I had finally become enlightened enough

to know that the real uncleanness spoken of here are those things that cloud and darken an otherwise clear and pure vessel. It is not disobedience to some specific regulation, policy, or administrative procedure of a given church that causes us, as vessels of God's Spirit, to become unclean. Purity of heart has to do with being imbued with the principles of love of self, love of others and love of all. Purifying the vessel is done by acquiring those principles within our lives that reach into eternity.

"I had learned that the church is, in reality, the people who believe in God. And when that people forget to love and otherwise follow in the footsteps of Jesus, they are no longer the true people or 'church' of God.

"I had learned that Joseph Smith had written that the highest good 'consists in obtaining the powers of the holy priesthood' and also that 'Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom....' The 'powers of the holy priesthood' are indeed 'the principles of the law of' heaven. We are not in heaven yet, thus, the law itself is unknowable to us. However, the principles of the law which are manifest to us in this world are within our grasp. As we obtain them, clarity of soul, purity of heart, and centeredness of being become natural to us."

Although I cannot accept the uniquely Mormon aspects of Feliz's beliefs, I admire and agree with his determination to remain within the community of believers, as I admire and agree with Brian McNaught for doing the same. For it is within the church, the body of Christ, that we are called, each with his or her unique God-given qualities, to share in the Kingdom of God. These books help gay people make this truth their own. ■

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Lee Nichols: At Last - A Voice

by Griff Field
OF MGW STAFF

There is a new voice on Sacramento's airwaves this spring, one that promises to expose the general radio audience to an intelligent, well-reasoned gay viewpoint. Lee Nichols inaugurated a lively, wide-ranging exercise in talk radio January 9 with a five-day-a-week live "conversation" with listeners from 2 to 4 p.m. on 1530, KFBK-AM.

Although Nichols' show is new, he is an old hand in the radio game, having gotten his start in 1952 with NBC. A six-year stint in the network's Los Angeles bureau was followed by eight years in state government, then two as acting general manager of Sacramento's PBS affiliate, KVIE-TV. In 1970, he got an offer to teach in the speech department at California State University, Sacramento.

"I got a call from the academic vice president offering me a job starting the next day as an associate professor," Nichols said. "I figured, 'Oh, what the hell.'"

Throughout his two decades as an academician, Nichols has kept his finger in the radio pie doing occasional election and political convention coverage for KFBK. His weekly "Election Countdown" program, which ran from April of last year through the Bush transition, led to an offer - not the first - of a daily show.

"I had said no several times," Nichols said. "One of the great advantages of being at the university was I had great control over my calendar and summers off. The idea of working five days a week, fifty weeks a year didn't excite me very much."

The station's arguments prevailed, however. A particularly persuasive one involved Nichols' sexual orientation. He has been openly gay for about 10 years, on-campus and off. KFBK's management

made it clear he was not being asked to "go back in the closet."

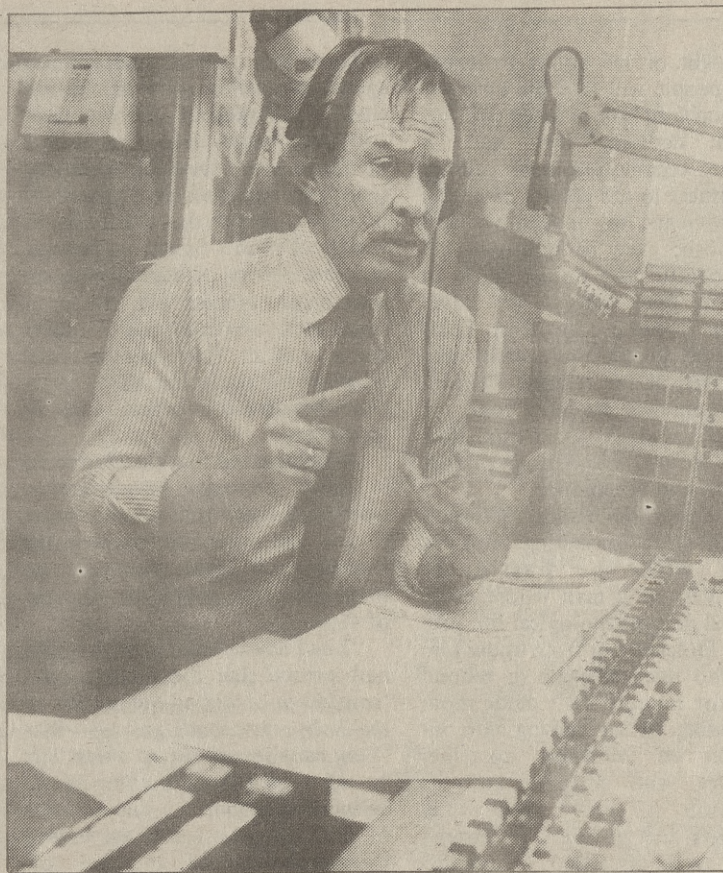
"I couldn't be intellectually honest on the show if I couldn't be honest about who I am," he said. "[Management] did say they are not interested in having a gay talk show host, but having a talk show host who's gay doesn't bother them at all."

Nichols said his show rarely deals with sexual orientation, his own or anyone else's.

"I spend far less time talking about gay issues than Rush Limbaugh does," Nichols said. "I talk about them more rationally, more intelligently, certainly more compassionately, but I talk about them less often than Rush does because I don't have the fixation on homosexuality that he does." (Former Sacramentan Rush Limbaugh has a nationally syndicated radio talk show carried locally by KFBK.)

One of Nichols' livelier shows did deal with homosexuality. A month ago he aired a tape of comments made by state Senator Jim Nielsen, (D-Rohnert Park) vice chair of the Senate Select Committee of AIDS. Nielsen expressed the opinion that AIDS was a plague from God, sent to punish society's "permissive lifestyle." He also attacked Los Angeles educator Virginia Uribe's much-praised Project 10 program, aimed at building self-esteem among gay teens.

"I felt that it was extremely important that we air that subject, that we expose Nielsen to his constituency," Nichols said. "Clearly Nielsen is a rabid homophobe; we just didn't know it before.... He's vice chair (of the Senate Select Committee), but he never goes to meetings. He has protected his stupidity by insulating himself from information. There's no evidence, however, that if he had been in-



Lee Nichols

photo by Diana Hudson

formed, he would be any smarter." (Debra Smith, secretary of the Select Committee on AIDS, confirmed that Senator Nielsen has not attended any committee hearings. Attempts to reach Nielsen or his press secretary were unsuccessful.)

Nichols sees his openness on the CSUS, Sacramento campus, considered courageous by some, as simply a function of his intellectual honesty.

"Whatever the cost, the cost of not being open is much higher," he said. "It's a cost you simply have to pay. If there's anything I could change in my life, it would be to have learned that lesson earlier."

Nichols' pride and openness about his homosexuality have led to a unique counseling role. Frequently he is approached by students troubled about someone else's coming out - a parent, a sibling, a friend.

"The most common case is that roommate from the year before who is now out, and 'My God, did people think I am too, and how will I deal with that,'" he said. "I get probably two of those a semester." Ultimately, classroom experiences have shaped Nichols' attitude toward his show and talk radio in general.

"I can't do 'trash radio,'" he said. "I'm passionate about a number of subjects, but I'm convinced, as a function of my other profession, that it's important to listen to what people have to say, especially people with whom I disagree. I never fight with students, and I never fight with callers." ■

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by Sonya Cox
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... Around the Town

■ The Sacramento AIDS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, in William Land Park. Sponsor a walker (see how far they can go for a good cause!). Proceeds will be distributed to various AIDS organizations in the area. Call David Bernt at 429-9404 to volunteer your help in posting flyers, staffing the walk, etc.

HAND-TO-HAND volunteers are taking their "matches" to Yosemite the weekend of May 21, where they will hold their own 10K "walk."

■ This month's POSITIVE SINGLES PARTY (for positives and negatives!) will be held Friday, May 26, at 1409 F Street. The last one was a huge success with over 40 people attending! Hors d'oeuvres will be served; BYOB. Make reservations by calling Art Jackson, 447-5925.

■ New AIDS cases in Sacramento County last month numbered 21, up from only eight the month before, according to the California Department of Health. We lost 11 to the disease, compared to five who died the previous month. Since tabulation of statistics began (January 1981), there have been 360 cases in Sacramento resulting in 192 deaths.

■ The Sacramento AIDS Foundation reports that they now have 377 clients: 143 PWAs (people with AIDS), 135 with ARC, and 99 who are HIV positive. At least one new case of AIDS is diagnosed in Sacramento every day. Call the Hand-to-Hand Project, at 448-2437, if you can volunteer a few hours a week to shop, clean or provide friendship to a PWA (at least 25 volunteers a month are needed).

■ (Let's get this right:) Congratulations to KEVIN BUNKER, who's the new manager of Hope House, one of the programs of Loaves and Fishes. Hope House provides quality, low-cost residential housing for people with AIDS.

■ Inmates leaving the Sacramento County Jail are now taking with them a little something extra: an AIDS prevention kit prepared by fellow inmates containing two condoms and a pamphlet on how to use them, and information about preventing AIDS - including how to sterilize syringes with bleach - and testing and treatment for AIDS.

... Around the State

■ The California portion of the 6th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial march - taking place in over 100 cities in nearly two dozen countries (including Denmark, Peru, South Africa, Thailand and Israel) - will begin in San Francisco at 8:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, leaving from Castro and Market streets. Stage presentations at the Civic Center will be from 9 to 10 p.m. Groups wishing to march can call Mobilization Against AIDS at (415) 863-4676.

■ A rush for AIDS tests this year is predicted by federal experts as those at risk (gays, drug users and others) are learning that early treatment makes a difference. The Centers for Disease Control, and other experts, say there is reason now to believe that aggressive early intervention with drugs such as AZT and pentamidine may delay the onset of AIDS and prolong the lives of both those with the disease and those who are testing HIV positive.

■ "AIDS may be one of God's ways to visit plague upon mankind for the kind of permissive society we have become," said Republican state senator Jim Nielsen in a recent Rohnert Park radio interview reported by the Sacramento Bee. The senator is a member of the Senate Select Committee on AIDS, but his staff said he has missed ALL of the committee's hearings, including the critical one to review the state's master plan on the disease.

■ Nurse Appreciation Day is May 6, but let's thank the California nurses, whenever appreciation is warranted, who selflessly serve the needs of PWAs. We can't live without you; thank you.

■ The California Legislature has introduced 83 AIDS-related bills for this year. The LIFE AIDS LOBBY, which monitors AIDS legislation, says that there are only about 10 bills they would oppose (three by Senator Doolittle), and that a few may need watching, but the great majority would expand or create programs for people with, or at-risk of, HIV conditions.

■ Dial-a-Porn phone sex, in the age of AIDS, can save lives by providing an alternative to unsafe sex and is entitled to constitutional protection, according to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the National Gay Rights Advocates. The two groups are fighting a 1988 act of congress which bans explicit phone calls over interstate phone lines.

■ New cases of AIDS among gay men in San Francisco are expected to drop as much as 15 percent over the next three years due to the dramatic change in sexual behavior that has taken place because of educational efforts in the city. Sacramento cases last month nearly tripled over the previous month: PAY ATTENTION, folks, to the education and safe but HOT sex techniques available to Sacramentans!! Check out the AIDS Foundation's "Buddy Connection" - call 448-2437.

■ There were 532 new AIDS cases statewide last month, and 419 deaths. Since 1981 in California, 18,684 cases have resulted in 11,312 deaths.

... Around the Nation

■ Recently released preliminary results of tests on oral dextran sulfate, a popular underground treatment for AIDS, showing that the Japanese drug is not absorbed into the bloodstream enough to be effective, are thought to be premature and incorrect. On the contrary, PROJECT INFORM says its use seems to stop cross-cell transmission, slows down the T-cell drop, and sometimes increases T-cells and then holds them steady.

They go on to say that use of the three-way mix of dextran sulfate, 1/2 to 1/4 dose of AZT, and low-dose acyclovir for herpes control is one of the most effective AIDS treatment combinations. Another well-working mix is dextran sulfate, acyclovir and ribavirin (which cannot be taken with AZT). Dr. Sandy Pomerantz of Sacramento points out, however, that neither of the above combinations has undergone careful clinical study and must be taken with a word of caution.

■ Just hours before the Federal AIDS program expired, \$5 million in funds was transferred to a program that provides AZT to PWAs who cannot afford the costly treatment. The shuffle was badly needed, but diverts funds from AIDS research, prevention and education programs.

■ One-third of all AIDS cases in the country are now drug-related: 54 percent in heterosexual men, 19 percent in gay or bisexual men, 16 percent in women, six percent in women whose partners were drug users. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 447 babies were born last year with the disease. Education in the gay community regarding safe sex is reducing the number of AIDS cases among gay men.

■ Centers for Disease Control reports that 24 percent of Americans still believe that HIV can be transmitted by insect bites, and 18 percent think you can get HIV from toilet seats.

■ Any lab worker accidentally exposed to a significant amount of material containing HIV virus will immediately receive AZT. Animal studies have indicated that the drug may prevent HIV infection if given soon after exposure according to the National Institutes of Health.

... AIDS Medical Update

■ Monthly transfusions of blood plasma from healthy carriers of the HIV virus sometimes cause the virus to disappear from the bloodstreams of PWAs for short periods of time, according to Dr. Abraham Karpas of Cambridge University in New Jersey. Karpas feels the results of his study are very encouraging, but other researchers are calling for further evaluations using many more HIV-infected people over much longer time periods.

■ Trials are underway on SMS 201-995, a long-acting version of somatostatin, used to treat diarrhea that causes serious weight loss in PWAs, according to Annals of Internal Medicine. The drug (injected under the skin three times a day) is already available as "Sandostatin," a prescription drug for treating gastrointestinal cancers.

■ Also being tested is imuthiol, a French drug that may help boost T4 blood-cell counts, thus slowing the progression of HIV disease. Not yet available in the U.S., it is thought that "Antabuse," a prescription drug for treating alcoholism, breaks down into Imuthiol in the body. For information, call PROJECT INFORM, 1-800-334-7422.

■ A new vaccine, VacSyn HIV-1, hoped to boost the immune system of people with HIV disease, is being tested at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C. The Food and Drug Administration says that vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk is testing a similar approach in trials regulated by California. Walter Reed's 30 volunteers will receive several shots and boosters over the next 15 months.

■ Megace (megestrol acetate), used for years to treat cancer, is showing good results in treating wasting syndrome in people with HIV disease. The drug has properties similar to the hormone progesterone, and can add several pounds on PWAs losing weight with the disease. Dr. Neil Flynn is currently studying Megace; for information, call 453-3282.

■ The first nutritional guidelines for PWAs were recently published in "Nutrition: An International Journal of Applied and Basic Nutritional Science." To receive a copy, write Task Force on Nutrition Support in AIDS, c/o Wang Associates, 19 West 21st Street, New York, NY 10010.

■ Interferon alpha-2, used to battle leukemia since 1986, is now approved for treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma in AIDS patients, as well as for treatment of genital warts. There will be a cap of \$9,800 per year charged by Hoffman-LaRouche, manufacturer of the ready-to-use injectable solution of Roferon-A, which would ordinarily cost up to \$50,000 per year. Call 1-800-227-7448 for information on therapy, supplies, insurance or video.

■ Interferon beta (Betaseron) is being tested in combination with AZT in trials at Davies Medical Center; people with AIDS tested in early trials have shown a low incidence of opportunistic infections. For information on this trial, call 1-800-432-2828.

■ Results of studies on attention, memory and motor skills of PWAs are indicating that signs of AIDS dementia are often reversed after two to four months of treatment with AZT, according to the New England Journal of Medicine.

■ Prolonged use of AZT is leading to the appearance of some strains of the virus that are resistant to the drug, according to AZT's manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome. This is not uncommon, according to the National Institutes of Health, and can usually be countered by combining drugs with AZT or switching to other drugs such as dideoxycytidine (DDC) or didexyinosine (DDI).

■ Researchers at San Francisco General Hospital are still excited and optimistic about two promising AIDS drugs: CD4, now being tested on humans with good results, acts as a magnet, attracting the HIV virus away from healthy cells and hopefully eliminating it from the body. GLQ223, a new drug derived from Chinese plants and still being tested only on animals, has been shown to wipe out HIV-infected cells with one injection. Once FDA gets toxicity tests completed, human trials would begin in less than two months.

■ Trials of Peptide T (the "magic bullet," according to its discoverer, Dr. Candace Pert) in Los Angeles and Sweden have brought improvement in some or all major AIDS-related symptoms and reportedly have demonstrated no toxicity or side effects.

■ Interested in clinical drug trials testing CD4, AZT combinations, Lenitan, etc? Call San Francisco General Hospital at (415) 821-5089, or get a complete list of HIV-related trials from Project Inform, 1-800-334-7422.



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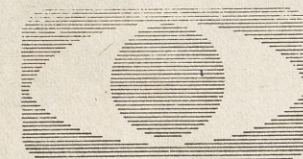
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Basically, under this type of plan, your employer sets aside a part of your salary before your withholding for income taxes is calculated. This money is put into an investment of your choice, usually an insurance product, and is not included in your income that is reported to the Internal Revenue Service. The investment is allowed to grow without being taxed until you start to withdraw the money after you reach the age of 59½. If you withdraw money before you reach that age there is a 10 percent penalty applied to the amount taken out. To summarize, the advantages are:

1. A lower amount of taxes withheld from your wages.
2. A lower taxable income.
3. Tax deferred accumulation of money earned.

With the proper calculations it is possible to put money into a deferred compensation plan and take home the same amount of money. At the same time you can save on taxes and build a nest egg that will not be taxed until you retire. The only disadvantage is the penalty for early withdrawal. Some plans allow loans, usually at a reduced amount of interest. These plans offer a wonderful opportunity for tax planning.

But these plans are not available to all people. There are certain groups that are covered under sec-

tion 403 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code. These plans cover employees of public schools, a state or a qualified tax-exempt organization (one organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational functions, such as a hospital).

These 403 (b) plans are tax shelter annuities (TSAs) and are usually an insurance company arrangement. The annuity is either a fixed rate product or a variable annuity. Variable annuities allow you to invest in mutual fund shares. TSAs must meet certain requirements set by the IRS. These include the employees' right to the annuity contract, they limit the amount contributed, and require a binding agreement for at least one year. The maximum amount that may be contributed is determined by a formula involving 20 percent compensation times the number of years employed, minus previous employer contributions.

Another type of deferred compensation plan is covered under section 401 (k) of the IR Code. This type of plan is a special arrangement under which an employer contributes to an employee trust. The employee has the option to take the income in cash or defer the payment to the trust. This plan must be part of a qualified stock option plan or a stock bonus plan. Again this plan must meet rigid requirements of the IRS.

Both 403 (b) and 401 (k) plan contributions are subject to Social Security tax, but not income tax. An early withdrawal is subject to the 10 percent penalty on both. If either of these type plans are available to you where you work, it would be to your advantage to consult with your tax or financial advisor or with the personnel advisor where you work, to see how you can make it work for you. ■

Clips

From pg. 1

Los Angeles, CA...Teresa De Crescenzo, founding director of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services and the Homeless Youth Foundation, has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Southern California School of Social Work.

— The Lesbian News

Chicago, IL...The American Bar Association's House of Delegates voted by a wide margin to support laws protecting individuals from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The measure, now official ABA policy, encourages the federal, state and local legislatures to pass civil rights laws protecting lesbians and gay men from discrimination.

— Windy City Times

Washington, D.C....The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has released a publication outlining strategies for gay and lesbian activists to organize for non-discrimination policies on university campuses. Copies are available for \$1 from NGLTF Campus Project, 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

— NGLTF

Boise, ID...The board of directors of the Community Center in Boise voted to close the center because of the lack of support of programs. Several sources indicate that the financial support is not available to keep the center going.

— The Paper

San Francisco, CA...The Gay/Lesbian Advisory Committee of the Harvey Milk Branch Library has asked Mayor Art Agnos to spare the library from his request for a five percent cut in the \$18 million budget for San Francisco libraries.

— Bay Area Reporter

Denver, CO...The Colorado AIDS Project is seeking Hispanic, Black, Asian and Native American volunteers to work in gay/bisexual outreach clinics in minority communities. Volunteers will be asked to provide information, act as public speakers or staff information booths to pass out educational material.

— Out Front

Nashville, TN...Tennessee is one step closer to decriminalizing homosexual conduct. A bill has been introduced in the state senate that would eliminate the state's "crimes against nature" law, but would substitute misdemeanor statutes for engaging in sex with a person of the same sex.

— Gaze

New York, NY...Oldest National Lesbian and Gay Organization celebrates with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the oldest national lesbian and gay organization in the country, its 15 anniversary with a "Commemorative Cabaret" of music, comedy and remembrances on May 8, at Town Hall in New York City. Liberty Award recipients will be Michael Callen, Gloria Steinem, Thomas B. Stoddard, Dr. Mathilde Krim and Rita Mae Brown.

Gay Cemetery Opens in Colma...Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in San Francisco may have become the first gay organization to have its own cemetery. The gay synagogue is using an area at the Hills of Eternity Cemetery in Colma.

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MGW CALENDAR

May

1 Monday

Flowers-An Echo of Art Lambda Community Fund's AIDS Response Program. 6 pm \$10 at Sutter Square Galleria, 442-0185.
Being Gay Today Lesbian/Gay video magazine. Host Lee Nichols/artist Rick Joplin. Cable channel 47, 10-11 pm.
Women's Rap Group & Social "The Lesbian Dating Game" Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Mon. 7-9 pm.

2 Tuesday

Cruising 101 Workshop 6:30 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.
Writer's Workshop 8 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.

3 Wednesday

Coming Out Group (Women) 6:30 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.
Acting Workshop 8 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.

4 Thursday

The Fabulous Dyketones 8 pm. \$7.50. The Palms in Davis, 756-9901.
Coming Out Group (Men) 6:30 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.
Meditation/Self-Healing 8 pm, Bring pillow, pad/blanket, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.

5 Friday

Gay Film Series 7 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.
Bay Area Women's Philharmonic Judith Nelson, soprano, 8:30 pm, First Congregational Church, Dana & Durant St., Berkeley. (415)626-4888.

6 Saturday

River City MCC Celebrity Art Auction Preview at 5 pm. Auction at 7 pm. Wine & cheese. Djurovich Gallery, 727 1/2 J St., 444-4762.
SACWN For Women Cinco de Mayo Dance, Sierra Inn, 8 pm. \$10. 486-8985.

7 Sunday

Poetry Series Kathryn Hohlwein & Mary Mackey, Webber's Book Shop, 2107 P St., \$2 donation. 446-9346.
Reno Bus Trip Our River City Family. \$16. John or Sonny 925-4667. Kevin 338-3760.
Quad Society Business Meeting/Social 7 pm, Lambda Center, 927-0418 Cliff/Renee.

8 Monday

Being Gay Today Coming out as a teenager. See time info. 5/1 above.
Women's Rap Group and Social "Potluck" (bring a dish to share), Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

9 Tuesday

Cruising 101 Workshop See 5/2.
Writer's Workshop See 5/2.

10 Wednesday

Healthwatch: Treatment For HIV 7-9 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.
Coming Out Group (Women) See 5/3.
Acting Workshop See 5/3.

11 Thursday

Coming Out Group (Men) See 5/4.
Meditation/Self-Healing Workshop See 5/4.
Tret Fure 8 pm, \$7.50. The Palms in Davis, 756-9901.

12 Friday

Pillars Gay social & networking organization "Salute to Mothers." Bring moms/straight friends. 6pm, no host cocktails. 7:30pm, dinner \$14. Tuesday Club, 455-1771.
Last day for policy committees to report Senate & Assembly bills to fiscal committees in Legislature.
Cris Williamson & Teresa Trull Zellerbach Auditorium, UC Berkeley campus, 415/655-0364.
Gay Film Series See 5/5.

13 Saturday

Whole Earth Festival UC Davis Quad, 10 am-6 pm, 753-8283.
Sacramento Sesquicentennial Celebration Commemorating John Sutter's landing along banks of American River in 1839. Parade & Fair. Community birthday party at Sutter's Fort Aug. 12.

14 Sunday

Single Mothers' Day Celebration 1-4 pm, McKinley Park. For single mothers and their children. Billie the Clown, free food, games, souvenirs, fun. Sponsored by the Chemical Dependency Center for Women and Women's Employment Training Services. Boyd, 448-2951.
Whole Earth Festival See 5/13.

15 Monday

Being Gay Today Coverage of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire Coronation & Capitol City Squares.
Whole Earth Festival See 5/13.
Women's Rap Group & Social "Yours, Mine & Ours," 7-9 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185 or 682-5481.

16 Tuesday

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays 7:30 pm. Jerry Sloan: "Purpose & Work of the Lambda Center." Westminister Room. Fremont Presbyterian Church, 577 Carlson Dr.

17 Wednesday

"Nutrition: Fuel For Your Immune System" 7-9 pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.

18 Thursday

"Mainstage" 8 pm, \$6. CSUS Theatre, 278-7309.

19 Friday

"Mainstage" See 5/18.

20 Saturday

"Mainstage" See 5/18.
Valley Knights Motorcycle Club Lucky 13 Anniversary at Joseph's Town & Country BackDoor Bar, 2062 Auburn Blvd. 455-8540.
Women's Rap Group Dance Women only. \$2 donation. 8pm-12am, Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185, 682-5481.

21 Sunday

Sac. Vegetarian Society Potluck picnic, 5:30 pm. Nonvegetarians welcome. 448-2831.
QUAD Society Day hike. For directions/carpool info., write: PO Box 660664, Sac., 95866.
Sacramento AIDS Walk Sign-in 9 am, William Land Park, 429-9404.
Outdoor Adventures of Sac. Day hike in the Sierra Stan 441-3285.
Poetry Reading Jose Montoya, D.R. Wagner. Webber's Book Shop, 2107 P St. \$2 donation. 446-9346.

22 Monday

Women's Rap Group & Social "Therapeutic Touch/Healing," 7-9pm. 442-0185, 682-5481.
Being Gay Today "Financial Planning" & "Sac to's Leather Queen." See 5/1 for time info.
"Healing the Inner Child" Lambda Center. See 5/10.

25 Thursday

New Moon Lecture "Unmasking The Shadow Government. Lecture/discussion by Rev. William J. Davis. 7 pm. \$10. 447-0132.

26 Friday

Last Day for policy committees to report Assembly & Senate non-fiscal bills to the Floor in Legislature.
Pillars Get-together. See 5/12 time info.
Lambda Freedom Fair Volunteer sign-up nights in front of local bars.

27 Saturday

Outdoor Adventures of Sacto. Hike to Barney Lake (eastern Sierra). 1-795-4654.
Lambda Freedom Fair Volunteer sign-ups in front of local bars. Nominations for Prom King & Queen 8:30-10:30 pm Lambda Center, 1931 L St.
Bay Area Career Women "Moonlight Magic," a new dance at Dominican College, Bertrand Hall, 1520 Grand Ave., San Rafael. 8pm-1am. 415/495-5393.

28 Sunday

SACWN For Women Mother's Day potluck at Beach Lake Preserve, 5-9pm. \$3. 486-8985.

29 Monday

Woman's Rap Group & Social Memorial Day picnic in the park. 442-0185, 682-5481.
Being Gay Today No cablecast: Memorial Day.

31 Wednesday

Visionz Cable Channel 47. Gay & Lesbian television magazine premiere. 9pm.

June

1 Thursday

Visionz weekly gay & lesbian television magazine. 4pm. Cable Channel 47.

2 Friday

Visionz weekly gay & lesbian television magazine. 11am. Cable Channel 47.
1989 Outstanding Women Awards Dinner Reception begins at 6pm, Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, 300 J St. Sponsored by YWCA, 442-4741.
"The Coming-Out Coronation" selection of Queen-For-A-Day. 8:30pm Clunie Auditorium. \$5. Raeann 454-6112.

4 Sunday

Poetry Reading Jane Blue, Kate English. Webber's Book Shop, 2107 P St. \$2 donation. 446-9346.

10 Saturday

CA Capital Political Action Committee (CAPPAC) 1st Anniversary dinner in Sacto. 7pm. Catered dinner. Speaker Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.). Entertainment comic Marga Gomez. 736-2722.

15 Thursday

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Galleries

MuffinsEtc. Paintings by Jane Goldman. Apr. 27-May 14. 1404 28th St. 452-1829.
Michael Himovitz Gallery Paintings by Rebecca Gozian & Kate Monson; clay sculpture by Kathleen Kasper-Noonan. May 2-27. Reception May 6. 6:30-8:30pm. Gallery hrs. Tu-Sa. 11am-4:30pm. 1020 10th St. 448-8723.

Astrological Data "Unmasking the Shadow Government" exhibit by Charles Miller. Text by Paul Brancato. May 2-27. Reception May 6. 6:30-8:30pm. 1020 10th St. 447-0132.

Tower Gallery Chinese tradition & mythology by Ting, Lu Hong, Zhou Ling. May 5-28. 1841 El Camino Ave. Reception May 5. 7-10pm. 924-1001.

Matrix Gallery Works by Wm. Clark Baughan and Jeremy Turner. May 3-28. Reception May 6. 7-9pm. Mixed media sculpture by Mary Gould and drawings by Jerri Nemiro. May 31-July 2. Reception June 3. 7-9pm. 1725 I St. 441-4818.

IDEA Gallery Visual & performance art from the Oak Park community. May 8-27. Reception May 13 at 7:30pm. 3414 4th Ave. in the Oak Park Fire Station. 446-4744.

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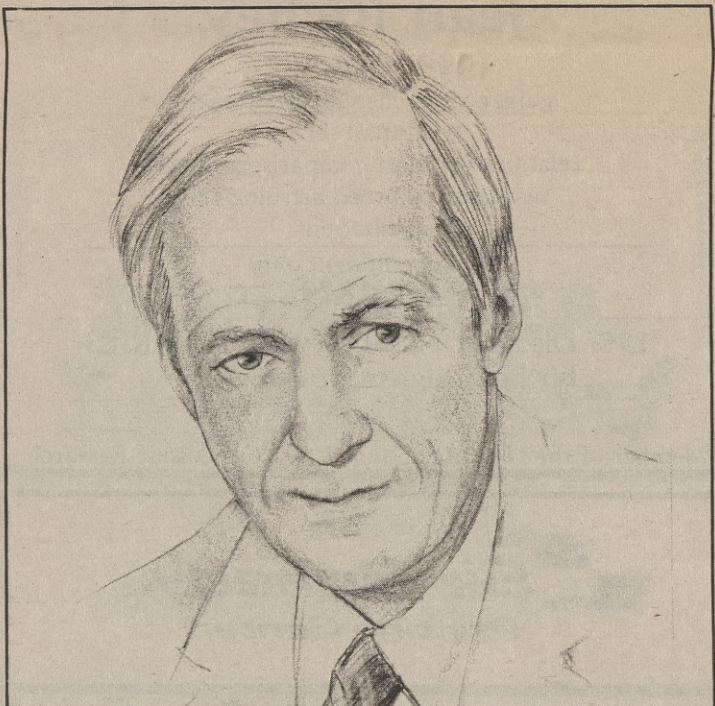
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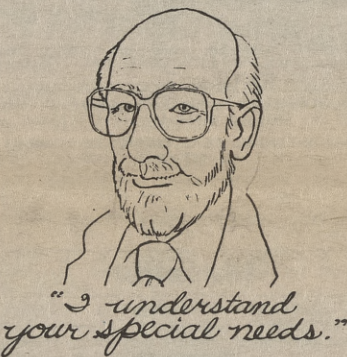
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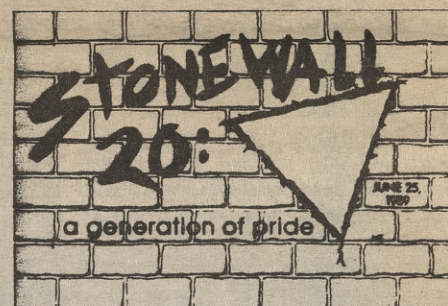
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